



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: May 14, 2017, marks the third annual Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day, during which awareness will be raised about Childhood Apraxia of Speech, a persistent and extremely challenging speech and communication disorder in children caused by difficulties in motor functioning; and
- WHEREAS: Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children to have extreme difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe of speech and communication problems in children; and
- WHEREAS: Without appropriate intervention, children with apraxia are at high risk for secondary impacts in literacy and other school-related skills and can diminish future independence and employment opportunities if not resolved or improved; and
- WHEREAS: Most children with apraxia of speech will learn to communicate with their very own voices only if they receive early intervention and appropriate, intensive, and frequent speech therapy; and
- WHEREAS: It is important for affected children to receive adequate speech therapy and other services so that the impact of the disorder can be minimized and children can grow into productive, contributing adult members of society; and
- WHEREAS: Our highest respect goes to these children, as well as their families and hardworking speech and language professionals, for their effort, determination and resilience in the face of such obstacles.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 14, 2017, as:

## APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE